

January 2009

Inside this issue:

Tribal Contact Info. Continued/ Resolutions	2
Notes from the Council Table	3
Tribal Police News	4-6
Tribal School News	7-15
Health Clinic News	16-18
Recreation News	19
Fire Protection News	20-22
Public Works News	23
Housing Authority News	24-25
Development News	26
Culture Notice	27
Community Notices	28-30
Bulletin Board	31

Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Newsletter



Tribal Contact Information

*Chitimacha Tribal Administrative Office

155 Chitimacha Loop
(337)923-7215-Chairman's Office
(337)923-9914-Chairman's Office Fax
(337)923-4973-Administration
(337)923-4973-Information Systems
(337)923-7911-Finance Department
(337)923-6848-Administrative's Fax

*Chitimacha Employee Comprehensive Health Plan

230 Chitimacha Loop
(337)923-4343
(337)923-4347-Fax

*Chitimacha Cultural Department

105 Houma Drive
(337)923-9923

*Chitimacha Development

3221 Chitimacha Trail
(337)923-4000
(337)923-7955-Fax

*Chitimacha Fire Protection

215 Coushatta Drive
(337)923-4326
(337)923-7725-Fax

*Chitimacha Gaming Commission

832 Martin Luther King Drive
(337)923-9119
(337)923-6139-Fax

*Chitimacha Health Clinic

3231 Chitimacha Trail
(337)923-9955
(337)923-7791-Fax

*Chitimacha Housing Authority

3221 Chitimacha Trail
(337)923-9125

*Chitimacha Human Resources

105 Houma Drive
(337)923-7775
(337)924-9420-Fax

*Chitimacha Human Services

3287 Chitimacha Trail
(337)923-7000
(337)923-2475-Fax

*Chitimacha Police Department

211 Coushatta Drive
(337)923-4964
(337)923-0514-Fax

*Chitimacha Public Works

223 Chitimacha Loop
(337)923-9126
(337)923-7586-Fax

*Chitimacha Recreation Department

312 Chitimacha Loop
(337)923-4975
(337)923-7555-Fax

*Chitimacha Rivercane Center

428 Chitimacha Loop
(337)923-4114

*Chitimacha Scholarship/Enrollment Department

3291 Chitimacha Trail
(337)923-2463

Tribal Administrative Office - Toll Free Number - 866-936-2654

Tribal Contact Information Continued

*Chitimacha Trading Post
116 Chitimacha Loop
(337)923-7487

*Chitimacha Tribal Courts
343 Navarro Street
(337)923-7806
(337)923-7889-Fax

*Chitimacha Tribal Museum
3289 Chitimacha Trail
(337)923-4830

*Chitimacha Tribal School
3613 Chitimacha Trail
(337)923-9960
(337)923-7346-Fax

*Chitimacha WIA/Inter Tribal Council Office
428 Chitimacha Loop-Suite 101
(337)923-7278
(337)923-2470-Fax

*Chitimacha Child Development Center/
Yaamahana
410 Seminole Drive
(337)923-0100
(337)923-0110-Fax

Resolutions for the Month of November

- #60-08 USET Contract and annual payment for services.
- #61-08 NCAI membership renewal with Lonnie L. Martin, Chairman, as Delegate and Tricia Mora, Vice Chairman, as Alternate.
- #62-08 Authorizes Lonnie L. Martin, Chairman, to execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement with S & F Land Development, LLC, and grants a limited waiver of Tribal Sovereignty so as to enable only the dispute resolution procedures set for in the Agreement, and authorizes its professionals to assist in the project. As it relates to the hotel project.

Resolutions for the Month of December

- #63-08 Appoints Gertrude Salisbury and Tammy Oser to a two year term on the Economic Development Committee and authorizes their full participation in the economic development diversification efforts of the Tribe.
- #64-08 Appoints Molly Chiasson and Ann Kimberly Cook to serve as Members of the Chitimacha Scholarship Committee for a four year term expiring on September 20, 2012.
- #65-08 Authorizes the lease of safe deposit boxes for the Casino, and authorizes specific staff and/or commissioners to access the safe deposit boxes on behalf of the Casino, and rescinds Resolution CHI-TC #25-07.

Notes from the Council Table

Greetings Fellow Tribal Members,

We hope each and everyone had a truly wonderful holiday season. The advent of the New Year brings thoughts of commitments and resolutions for everyone to make and, for some, they actually follow through with those commitments. As for your Tribal Council, you do not have to be concerned about the level of commitment made to the full membership because we will always follow through to ensure the most rational course of action for the sustainability of the current state of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana and for future generations to come.

Thanks to all Tribal Members who completed and submitted the anonymous strategic planning surveys. Out of 677 surveys that were disseminated to the Tribal membership 18 years and over, approximately 130 surveys were completed and submitted for enumeration. M3 Planning, the Tribe's contracted strategic planning firm, is currently tabulating the data from each survey and will provide the statistical data at the general meeting on January 24th. According to M3 Planning, the completed surveys contained not only the statistical, objective data but also descriptive, subjective opinions which will only aid in the success of this very important process.

Recently, the Tribe's independent auditing firm, McGladrey and Pullen, completed its audit for fiscal year 2008. On January 7th, the Tribal Council met with McGladrey and Pullen to conduct an exit interview whereby a clean audit opinion was issued. Thanks to all staff members and Tribal enterprises that made this fiscal year's audit process a success as we understand that it is a stressful time for all involved. We are sure next fiscal year's audit will also be a success.

In the last segment of *Notes from the Council Table*, information was provided regarding two proposed constitutional amendment provisions to Article V "Governing Body" and a possible special election that would be conducted during the January general meeting. It is unfortunate to report that the special election will not be conducted this month. The documentation that was provided to the Bureau of Indian Affairs on September 29th is still being reviewed by the officials at the area office. In conversations with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, a timeframe has not been provided to us for their complete review of the matter. Be assured every effort was made to ensure this matter would be arranged for January. We anticipate this matter being on the ballot during the June election. As promised, we will provide a notification to the voting membership which will contain exact language of the proposal and further explanation thereof.

At 2:00 p.m., on January 24th, the general meeting will be conducted at the Chitimacha Tribal School Gym. We will have a lengthy agenda for this meeting as we have numerous issues and topics to share. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 24th.

Until then,

Your Tribal Council



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL POLICE NEWS



JANUARY 2009

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

For the month of December, 2008, the following traffic citations were issued—four for speeding, three for driving without a drivers license and two for exhibition driving. One male subject was arrested and released on a summons for operating a vehicle without insurance. Officers also issued six verbal warnings—five for speeding and one for stop sign violation.

The following arrests were logged for the month of December 2008:

- 12-13-08 One male subject arrested for criminal trespassing.
- 12-19-08 Two male subjects arrested for disturbing the peace by fighting.
- 12-21-08 Two male subjects arrested for disturbing the peace by fighting.
- 12-25-08 One female subject arrested for simple battery.
- 12-26-08 One male subject arrested for criminal trespassing and 16th Judicial warrants for issuing worthless checks.
- 12-27-08 One male subject arrested for disturbing the peace intoxicated and remaining where forbidden.

ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES

CHITIMACHA COMPREHENSIVE CODES OF JUSTICE

Title VII Section 902—Operation of All Terrain Vehicles

- (a) A person may not operate an all-terrain vehicle upon any roadway, roadway shoulder in this jurisdiction.
- (b) Any operator of an ATV may make a direct crossing of a roadway but such operator shall:
 - (1) First bring the ATV to a complete stop before crossing any roadway.
 - (2) Yield the right of way to any motor vehicle or pedestrian.
 - (3) Cross the roadway only when such crossing can be made in safety.
- (c) A person may not operate an ATV in the following ways which are declared to be unsafe and a public nuisance.
 - (1) In any area which prohibits the use of ATV's as designated by the Tribal Council and so clearly marked.
 - (2) In a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the person or property of another or to cause injury or damage to such person or property.
 - (3) While under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance.
 - (4) In any garden or tree nursery area, school area, business area or area not owned by the operator or his or her family (if a minor).

PENALTY: Any person violating this section shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$250.00 and / or the ATV may be impounded and held until impoundment fee in the amount of \$50.00 is paid.

Title VII Section 903—Operation of ATV Upon Roadways

EXCEPTION:

Any ATV which is duly registered with the State of Louisiana and with the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana and operated by a person who is a duly licensed operator and who has the required liability insurance may operate any ATV upon the roadways within this jurisdiction.

THE CHITIMACHA POLICE DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING ON HOSTING AN ATV SAFETY CLASS SOME TIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING CALL THE OFFICE AT 923-4964 AND LEAVE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER. YOU WILL BE CONTACTED WHEN A DATE AND TIME OF THE CLASS HAS BEEN SCHEDULED.

Congratulations to Officer Jake Darden who completed 11 weeks of training with the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office 46th Basic Training Academy. On Wednesday, December 10, 2008, Jake also successfully completed the State of Louisiana Peace Officer Standards and Training Council examination to become a certified police officer in the state of Louisiana. Graduation ceremonies were held in Franklin on Thursday, December 11, 2008. Officer Darden is pictured below in random photos taken from the ceremony.





On Tuesday, January 06, 2009, newly hired Police Officer, Gary Dantin, Sr., received his Oath of Office and was sworn in by Tribal Court Judge Cameron Simmons, pictured below left. Also pictured below right, is Judge Simmons, Officer Dantin and Chief Blaise Smith.



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

Eagle Pride...Eagle Spirit!



2008-2009 CTS School Year

Report by Jamie Baudoin

Young learners at CTS are getting into the “fall” spirit! The kindergarten theme for November is “Healthy Me”! One of the many “health” foods that students talked about was pumpkins, which they decorated with paint, yarn, feathers, and many other enhancing art objects. This month kindergartners will learn about eating healthy foods and living a healthy lifestyle. In reading students are sounding out letters, recognizing letters, and sounding out words... In math students are counting groups and writing numbers. “Way to go Kindergartners!” Dominic Crochet was our “Star Student of the Week!” Congratulations, Dominic; keep up the good work!



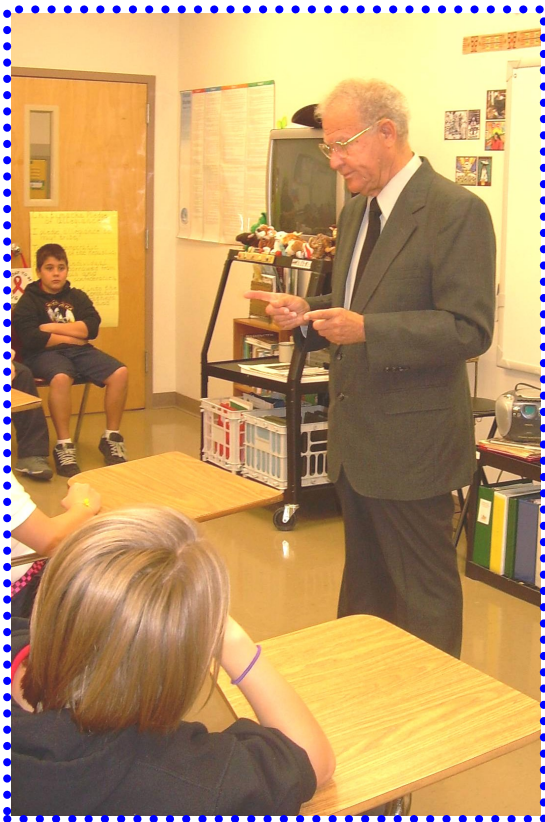
Little artists at work...



CTS Remembers Our Veterans...

On the crisp morning of November 11th the entire student body heard a piece of history read to them which focused on why it is important to remember our history by remembering our Veterans. During the day teachers taught individual lessons to their classes about Veterans. In the 6th, 7th, and 8th classes students had the privilege of hearing one of our very own honored Veterans, Mr. Dan Darden.

A warm "thank you" goes out to Mr. Darden, not only for taking time out of his busy schedule to come and speak to CTS students, but also for his admiration and service to our country and the Chitimacha people. Students also were treated to a special Veterans Day treat for lunch; students received a red, white, and blue cupcake prepared for them by Mrs. Zil. A "sweet" thank you to Mrs. Zil!



*To all Veterans that may read this
newsletter...
We Thank You,
We Honor You, and
We Promise Not To Forget You!*



Pictured left: Mr. Dan Darden speaking to the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

Report by Janeen Robicheaux

4-H is alive and well at CTS! Our membership this year is twenty-two students in grades four through eight. Club officers elected to serve this year are president: Nata Sedatol, vice-president: Rhett Leblanc, secretary: Jasi Anderson, treasurer: Bailey Hebert, reporter: Erica Compton, and CRD: Reid Simoneaux. Everyone is doing a great job! We have a big project going on throughout the year. We are collecting pull-tabs from aluminum cans to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. This is a charity that helps the families of sick children who are in need of a place to stay while the sick child is receiving medical treatment.

Also, for Thanksgiving the 4-H Club collected nonperishable foods to help a needy family in our area. The club made a big, delicious food basket so the family could have a wonderful Thanksgiving feast. As you can tell the CTS 4-H Club is off and running!

WATER LEGENDS MURAL PROJECT

During the Thanksgiving break tribal member, Sarah Sense, along with the Chitimacha Cultural department held the 30 year dedication of the current school building by unveiling the *Water Legends Mural* created as described below. Having Sarah around school during school hours interacting with students was very enjoyable. She inspired many of our young students to put forth their best effort not only with their mural ideas but also with their own personal art projects. On behalf of the entire CTS staff and student body we thank Sarah for her time and efforts in enhancing our tribal school.

“As Chitimacha legends continue to be passed down from generation to generation, children learn and understand them through a new lens that comes with fresh ideas applicable to their environment. The Chitimacha reservation is on land that our ancestors walked on and many of these stories relate to a landscape that exists today. The Chitimacha Tribal School students designed the Water Legends Mural Project. All eighty-six students of the school reviewed a selection of Chitimacha legends pertaining to water and developed a personal meaning which they visually articulated through drawings. I then painted a wall mural, ten feet by twenty-eight feet, based on these drawings.

The Water Legends Mural Project was made possible by the Smithsonian Institution, the National Museum of the American Indian, and Native Arts Program Fellowship for the Youth Public Art Project.

Thank you to all who made this project possible...especially the kids.”

~Sarah Sense...2008



Please feel free to visit and admire...

Pictured: Leroy Burgess, Sarah Sense and Leslie Proctor

Reported by Phyllis Darden

Ms. Phyllis' first graders are "WILD" about Accelerated Reading! Accelerated Reader (AR) is a program that targets concepts that help develop independent readers, and it is initially introduced to CTS students in the first grade. So, Ms. Phyllis' students have been diligently reading and taking AR tests since the beginning of the second nine weeks. These students have also been working hard to improve their listening comprehension, which came in very handy when they completed fun and interesting activities about "Trees" and "The Skies Above".

They are also learning their math facts using the timed "Mad 2 Minutes Quizzes". These quizzes are designed to help develop and improve math skills. Students took time out to acknowledge the importance of Thanksgiving – a very special time of the year. It was fun learning about the Pilgrims and the Native Americans and comparing and contrasting the first Thanksgiving with Thanksgiving celebrations of today. Students completed this lesson just in time for turkey! Special times mean spending time with special people. Speaking of special people, Kassidy Talbot was first grade's Star of the Week.

Congratulations, Kassidy! Keep up the good work!

Reported by Keeri Payton

Recently the 5th grade students at CTS graduated from the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. Students participated in various lessons and activities that were specifically designed to teach them about the harmful effects of drugs and alcohol. Before graduating, students had to write an essay about the most important things they learned throughout the program. Caylin Moneaux received the **Chief's Award** for her essay, and Kyle Darden's essay was chosen as the **top essay** in the class. Both of these students had to read their essay during the graduation ceremony. The following essay, written by Caleb Darden, is an example of how much the students learned from this wonderful program:

"Have you ever had D.A.R.E. before? Well, I have and I loved it! D.A.R.E. is important because it teaches kids not to do drugs and tells them what could happen if they do them. I think drugs should be illegal in every country. Do you know that drugs can kill you? If you didn't know, now you do.

I learned that cigarettes have 200 known poisons in them and that many people die every year from smoking. I have learned that drugs could make you have memory loss. They can also kill your brain cells. That's why it was good for us to learn these things from Officer Amy.

Define, access, respond, and evaluate is the decision-making model that we were taught. I know I can use this to help me make good decisions if I am ever in a situation where there are drugs and alcohol. I pledge to be DRUG FREE FOREVER!!"



Great Job 5th graders, we are ALL very proud of you!

Reported by Debbie Halphen

Second graders have really been reading, reading, and reading some more this month! Students are working hard to reach their AR (Accelerated Reader) and Pizza Hut "Book-It" goals by reading during any free time they have.

During their Math period they have been counting money. Students are learning about coins and their value. They are also learning how to tell time.

In Science these second graders are preparing to study about magnets. They plan to do experiments to learn what a magnet is attracted to, to find out where a magnet's pull is the strongest, to determine when a magnet pushes and when it pulls, and to discover what a magnet's pulling space is.

All of this work really does pay off, especially for Nina Darden. Nina was our second grade student of the month. "Congratulations, Nina!"

Reported by Allison Burgess:

Students and Staff were "ROARING" to go when they returned January 5, **2009!** It was a very smooth transition from the Christmas holidays with lots of eager students ready to learn. From our third grade class Mrs. Allison has lots to report, beginning with the selection of Conner Anderson as the star student! Conner is hardworking, attentive, and extremely conscientious about his homework and class work. Conner exceeded his Accelerated Reading goal by 8 points during the 2nd nine-week period. Keep up the hard work, Conner; we are very proud of you! In fact, seventy-five percent of qualifying CTS AR students reached their goal for the 2nd 9-week grading period! Great job students; these students will receive ONE WEEK of "Free Dress" as their reward for being responsible and attentive to their studies.

Joining Conner in his efforts, the third grade students are working hard in many different areas. Dropping, sliding, pulling, and pushing.... things are really moving around in the third grade classroom. Students are beginning a unit on simple machines and are investigating gravity, friction, and Newton's first law of motion. They are really looking forward to their Simple Machine Scavenger Hunt!

These third graders have also begun learning their multiplication facts. Wow, they have done a splendid job! Everyone has already mastered their 2s! They are looking forward to earning an ice cream party if all facts are mastered. Congratulations, third graders, and continue studying your facts. In Writer's Workshop these students are continuing to work on their 4 square essays. They have mastered writing four paragraphs with clear statements and elaborate details. They are also becoming great peer editors.

The third graders earned an ice cream party in December for filling up their marble jar by exhibiting exceptional behavior. Along with everything that was introduced last month, these students also kept up with their routine class work and enjoyed competing against one another to finish puzzles and to build something out of straws. Busy, busy that is what third grade has been this past month, and there are no plans for slowing down! We can only image what excitement is going on in the other grade levels with so much fun, exciting, and wonderful learning activities happening in third grade!

CTS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

On Wednesday, December 17th, CTS held its annual Christmas Program. This year's theme was "Christmas-Keeping it Real." What a real Christmas it depicted! Using a silhouette motif, characters and props were cast behind an 8' screen to reenact the birth of Jesus. With a warm, glowing light cast behind the screen, the audience was able to view the skyline of Bethlehem, a twinkling Christmas tree, donkey, camel, sheep, stable, and students portraying Mary, Joseph, Gabriel, angels, shepherds, wise men, and Jesus as a grown man. Excellent narration was performed by 7th and 8th grade students, who were dressed as people of the time period. Those 7th and 8th graders who chose not to narrate were responsible for providing props as designated and insuring that all students in Grades K-5 were costumed. Third and fourth graders led off with the first song "Silent Night." Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students sang "Away in a Manger." Students in Kindergarten through 4th grade enacted a song "Rejoice With Great Joy," which pleased everyone in the audience. The program concluded with Jasi Anderson singing "Where Are You Christmas?"—a touching performance.

A big "THANK YOU" to all who helped CTS present this program. This includes those who helped with filming, set design, practice sessions, etc. Staff and students were fantastic as always. Also, a special thanks to the following: Joyce Gentry, Bonnie Bonin, Little Pass Baptist Church, Cypress Bayou Casino, Chitimacha Tribal Maintenance Department, and Chitimacha Tribal IT Department. Thanks for being such great help. Finally, thank you for supporting this community effort by attending the Christmas and other school programs. Each year the audience becomes larger. For this we are grateful.



Gingerbread Village



Pictured center:
Kaitlyn Landry, Jasi Anderson,
Victoria Vilcan, Erica
Compton, Kaylee Cormier,
Rhett Leblanc, and
Bailey Hebert

Below: Jasi Anderson (Solo)



PRINCIPAL'S NOTE:

Happy New Year !!, to all! We are ready and excited to finish the remainder of the school year. We have just finished the 2nd 9 week period and I am very happy to say that I have seen an overall huge academic improvement. I am proud of the students that have worked so hard to achieve this success. Keep up the hard work- I promise that it will pay off!

I would like to extend a special "thank you" to the CTS staff for giving the students every avenue possible to achieve their goals. Parents, thank you for your continued support. I am looking forward to the rest of the school year. I know it will be another successful year.





CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

Second Nine Weeks Renaissance Program



Award Winners:



Principal's List:

2nd Grade: Maiya Darby
Khloe Walden
4th Grade: Peyton Trahan
5th Grade: Drake Hewitt

Honor Roll:

1st Grade: Malikai Hebert
Kassidy Talbot
Breyonna Verret
2nd Grade: Nina Darden
Drake Pontiff
3rd Grade: Conner Anderson
Tayla Bernauer
Austin Burgess
Mason Gaddy
MaKayla Higgins
4th Grade: Raine Darden
Sage Guillory
Amanda Vilcan
5th Grade: Trent Darden
Caylin Moneaux
6th Grade: Caleb Higgins
Kati Martin
7th Grade: Erica Compton
8th Grade: Jasi Anderson
Kaylee Cormier

Improvement Award:

1st Grade: Evan Frederick
Daniel Sisk
4th Grade: Toni Vilcan
5th Grade: Drake Hewitt
6th Grade: Sarah Guillory
Caleb Higgins
7th Grade: Jovan Anderson
Erica Compton
Bailey Hebert
Victoria Vilcan

Good Conduct:

Kindergarten: Analaysha Burgess
Cameryn Burgess
Devin Butaud
Dominic Crochet
Bryce Demarco
McKayla Higgins
Sabastian Mire
Amber Mora
Jacob Mora
Benedicto Paulino
Landon Pontiff
Robert Savoie
Ethan Vilcan

1st Grade: Celsey Mora
Kassidy Talbot
Breyonna Verret

2nd Grade: MaKenzie Broussard
Maiya Darby
Dymond Darden
Nina Darden
Savannah Guillory
Drake Pontiff
Khloe Walden

3rd Grade: Conner Anderson
Tayla Bernauer
Austin Burgess
Hannah Butaud
MaKayla Higgins

4th Grade: Meghan Baham
Raine Darden
Sage Guillory
Kymberlin Landry
Peyton Trahan
Amanda Vilcan
Toni Vilcan

5th Grade: Caleb Darden
Drake Hewitt
Caylin Moneaux

Good Conduct continued...

6th Grade: Colby Darden
Joshua Darden
Sarah Guillory
Caleb Higgins
Tommie Poirrier
Reid Simoneaux
7th Grade: Erica Compton
Bailey Hebert
Trae' Kitchens
Kaitlyn Landry
Katie Vilcan
Victoria Vilcan

8th Grade: Jasi Anderson
Kaylee Cormier
Rhett LeBlanc
Nata Sedatol

Perfect Attendance:

Knd: Analaysha Burgess
Cameryn Burgess
Benedicto Paulino
1st Grade: Evan Frederick
Christian Shuff
Kassidy Talbot
2nd Grade: Drake Pontiff
3rd Grade: MaKayla Higgins
4th Grade: Gabriel Parro
Peyton Trahan
5th Grade: Kyle Darden
Trent Darden
6th Grade: Colby Darden
Kale Delcambre
Sarah Guillory
Caleb Higgins
Kati Martin

congratulations, students & parents
JOB WELL DONE!!!



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

DAILY MENU SCHEDULE

Last Week of January, 2009



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
January 26, 2009 Breakfast Biscuits, Sausage, Juice, Milk Lunch Beefy Nachos, Corn, Salad, Fruit, Sweet Rolls, Salsa, Milk	January 27, 2009 Breakfast French Toast, Sausage, Juice, Milk Lunch Hamburger Steak, Fruit, Creamed Potatoes, Roll, Salad/dressing, Milk	January 28, 2009 Breakfast Oatmeal, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Milk Lunch Chicken/Sausage Gumbo, Rice, Peas, Potato Salad, Fruit Roll, Milk	January 29, 2009 Breakfast Eggs, Toast, Juice, Milk Lunch Turkey Roast, Fruit, Rice & Gravy, Rolls, Field Peas, Milk	January 30, 2009 Breakfast Breakfast Pizza, Grits Juice, Milk Lunch Sloppy Joes, Tots Salad/dressing, Fruit Cookies, Milk
		MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO DELIVERIES.	All breakfast sausage is turkey/pork for less fat, higher protein. All fries & tots are baked, not fried.	All juices are 100% juice; 0% fat, whole & low fat milk, & low fat Chocolate milk also offered. Pizza has wheat crust.

January CALENDAR

January 28th 100th Day of School.

Picturing America
PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

Chitimacha Tribal School is the proud recipient of The National Endowment for the Humanities' (NEH) new Picturing America initiative. Picturing America provides an innovative way for citizens of all ages to explore the history and character of America through some of our nation's great works of art.

As one of the over 56,000 schools and public libraries nationwide to receive the program, we now have access to this high quality, free resource that we are using to engage our **students** with discussions of our nation's art, history, civics, literature, and more!

The images of people, places, and events illustrating American history give our **students** a chance to better understand our country's past and its ideals. What better way to see the courage of a great leader than through Emanuel Leutze's *Washington Crossing the Delaware*? How better to appreciate the power of American democracy than through Norman Rockwell's *Freedom of Speech*? These masterpieces are opening our **students' / community members'** eyes to America's rich history and culture while also providing an introduction to the broader world of the humanities.

For more information on the program, you can visit the Picturing America Web site at: www.PicturingAmerica.neh.gov. Feel free to peruse the site, and check out the images and the great links included. Sit down with your kids and start conversations about the beautiful masterpieces!

Picturing America is distributed by the NEH in cooperation with the American Library Association (ALA).

Health Department News

Wishing you Good Health!

Madeline Phelps

January, 2009



CONGRATULATIONS DR. BOUSTANY!!

I am happy to inform you that Dr. Boustany received an award from I.H.S. in recognition for his success in meeting three national dental GPRA measures of access to dental care, dental sealants, and patients receiving topical fluoride applications. In all three categories, the Nashville Area had an overall increase of 78%, higher than any other I.H.S. area. This was the first year in at least five years that the Nashville Area met all three of the dental GPRA indicators, and the Nashville Area was one of only four I.H. S. areas to do so. This is mainly accomplished through the efforts of a few individual programs in the Nashville Area. Chitimacha Dental Program met all three objectives; increased access to care by 6.4%, increased sealants by 98.8%, and increased fluoride by 35.4%. Congratulations Dr. Boustany! We are proud of you & our dental staff (Jessica & Jenni)!

Dental Clinic:

Since the Dental Clinic is only open one day per week it is extremely important to notify Brittany if you are unable to keep an appointment. If we are notified in advance we are able to schedule another patient.

Registration Update:

Please help us keep up-to-date records and inform Brittany of any changes in insurance, address, or telephone number. Call Brittany @ 923-9955.

Clinic: Hours of Operation:

Monday-Thursday 7:30a.m.-5:00p.m.

Friday 7:30a.m.-11:30a.m.

Physician Hours/Patient Care Appointments:

Physician schedule is as follows:

Monday & Tuesday from 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m., & 1:00p.m.-5:00p.m.

Wednesdays, Thursdays 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

Fridays, 9:00a.m.-11:30a.m.

Update Eligibility:

Periodically you may be contacted by the Registration Coordinator (Brittany Martin) to update eligibility information. Please respond to these requests to provide information/documentation as needed to assure our records are accurate.

Pharmacy:

Please call for refills 4-5 days in advance. This allows time for pharmacist to place orders in the event item is not in stock. **When calling in prescription please leave the prescription number, name of medication & your telephone number on the phone message.**

Reminder: Check your prescription bottle when calling for refills; if **no** refills left contact you doctor's office to request a new prescription.

CHS (Contract Health Service):

Services obtained off-site-referral required. A "purchase order" form must be obtained from the Health Department (I.H.S./CHS) office for each & every visit to a healthcare provider prior to visit. Individuals with private insurance or Medicare must obtain purchase order if you are requesting that I.H.S./CHS pay the balance. Emergency Services: you have seventy-two (72) hours to notify the health department in the case of emergency visit.

Report to Millie @ 337-923-9955, Ext. 3004.

*Eligible members of the Chitimacha Tribe who have moved from the health service delivery area are covered for one hundred eighty (180) days from date of departure, provided that the Health Department is notified **prior** to moving.*

CHITIMACHA HEALTH CLINIC

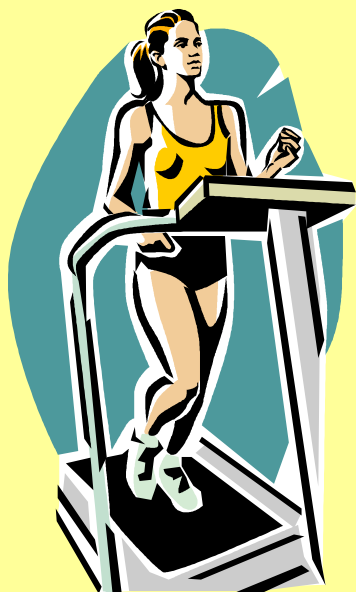
Upcoming Events

Diabetes Lunch	Wednesday, February 4, 2009
Diabetes Breakfast	Wednesday, March 4, 2009
Diabetes Breakfast	Wednesday, May 6, 2009
Diabetes Lunch	Wednesday, June 3, 2009
Diabetes Breakfast	Wednesday, July 1, 2009
Diabetes Lunch	Wednesday, August 5, 2009
Diabetes Breakfast	Wednesday, September 2, 2009

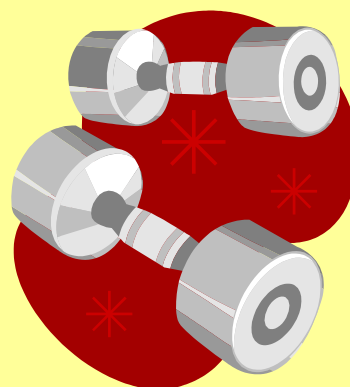
THERE'S STILL TIME!

CHITIMACHA CHALLENGE

SIGN UP



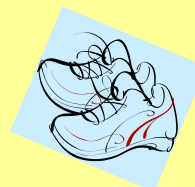
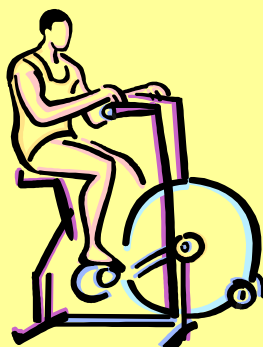
COME BY THE
HEALTH CLINIC &
SIGN UP TO GET
YOUR BASELINE
MEASUREMENTS,
AND A FREE GIFT.
BE SURE TO COME
FASTING.



REQUIREMENTS: PARTICIPANTS MUST PERFORM SOME TYPE OF PHYSICAL/AEROBIC EXERCISE FOR AT LEAST 30 MINUTES, 3 TIMES WEEKLY AND SIGN IN AT THE RECREATION CENTER ON THE CHALLENGE LOG.



PARTICIPANTS MUST ALSO MEET WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PRIOR TO RECEIVING FINAL COUPON FOR SHOES... **PHYSICIAN, DIETICIAN, OR FITNESS INSTRUCTOR.** IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL LORI AT 923-9955, EXT. #3013.



Recreation Newsletter

January 2009



Chitimacha Challenge 2009:

As the New Year has begun, we hope that fitness commitments are included. The Chitimacha Challenge 2009 is one way we hope will encourage you to follow through with your health and fitness resolutions. As a reminder, you need to complete 3-30 minute aerobic workouts within a week to meet the requirements. As always, we'll be glad to assist you.

Basketball:

On the Recreation side, Basketball has begun. There are 24 teams participating, beginning at age 5 and going through Jr. High. We are excited to be working with St. Joe Elementary which allows us to accommodate the many different teams to be able to play. You can see the teams in action beginning at 4:15 with Jr. High teams on Mondays and Wednesdays at Chitimacha and Tuesdays and Thursdays at St. Joe in the month of January.

Be sure to glance at the marquis for the latest information in Recreation.

NOTICE!

Beginning Saturday, January 17,
The Fitness Center
will temporarily
OPEN
on Saturdays from 8-10 AM,
to accommodate the requirements
of the Chitimacha Challenge.

News from Chitimacha Fire Protection

Rick Cook, Fire Chief



Training: During the month of December, LSU Fire and Emergency Institute conducted a (2) day training class on Search and Rescue. The class included the use of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) with class room and practical training. The practical training involved personnel entering a confined space maze prop in total darkness and exiting. This annual training maintains an awareness level in the event our personnel are needed to enter a smoke filled atmosphere to conduct rescue or to search for and extinguish fire within a structure. Members from area departments also attended this training.

Activities: In the previous newsletter, I reported that the results of the Property Insurance Association of Louisiana (PIAL) Rating of Fire District 12 were pending.

On January 5, 2009 the Chitimacha Reservation and the surrounding area (Fire District 12) received our P.I.A.L. rating. The rating has retrogressed from a Class 3 to a Class 4. The (PIAL) conducted their initial survey in May of 2008 and was based on years 2004 through 2007. Fire rating classifications are rated from a class (1) through (10) with a class "1" being the best rating a fire department can receive. The objectives of these surveys are to determine fire insurance premiums for residential and commercial occupancies. These surveys involve components such as available water supply, hydrant maintenance and fire flow capacities, fire apparatus and equipment, dispatching communications, fire prevention activities, occupancy fire pre-planning inspections, and available man power average on all reported structural fires within our response area. This retrogression from a Class 3 to a Class 4 will be applicable to all new or renewal policies and endorsements effective February 9, 2009. The (PIAL) surveys are dynamic and are based on industry averages and standards as specified by the (PIAL). With the new Attack Pumper received in 2008, the ongoing support by the Tribal Council, and with our quality service and commitment to our community, I am very confident that the next scheduled PIAL survey in three years will result with this department receiving a Class 2 Rating potential.

If you have any questions or would like to have a better understanding of the (PIAL) results, you may contact me at your convenience and I will be happy to assist you.

Notices: We would like to welcome new employee Blair Rivette who started on November 24, 2008.

Employee Deborah Guardia is out on leave. We wish her well.

Notices**Continued:**

For those who want to be part of a rewarding profession in serving your community, community, applications for volunteer membership are available at the department. The Chitimacha Fire Protection Volunteer Incentive Program pays an average of \$11.00 for each monthly meeting/drill attendance and for each emergency response. Additional incentive can be earned once a volunteer receives the needed training. He/she can qualify as a substitute shift worker to fill in as needed when a full time employee is on leave. If you are interested in becoming a CFP Volunteer Division Member you may contact the Fire Department or Human Resources for more information.

Don't forget to change the Batteries in your smoke detector. Also, all residential dwellings should have legible house numbers in view for emergency personnel to locate in the event of an emergency. If you are going to purchase house numbers the standard size is a (4) inches.

Personnel are currently conducting In Home Safety Surveys. These surveys are designed to assist residents of identifying unsafe hazards within your home. This component is part of a grant program to install Carbon Monoxide Detectors throughout the reservation. Also cooking hood suppression systems are available at no cost. If you feel you need to schedule this Home Survey, feel free to contact the Fire or Housing department at your convenience and someone will be happy to assist you.

**Emergency
Responses:**

November @ 31; December @ 24.
Total responses for 2008 @ 364.

Prevention is our Intention !





A Flaming Offer From... Chitimacha Fire Protection



**WOULD YOU
LIKE TO HELP
YOUR
COMMUNITY?**

JOIN NOW!



**Chitimacha Tribe
of Louisiana**

**Chitimacha Fire
Protection**

155 Chitimacha Loop
P.O. Box 591
Charenton, LA 70523

Phone: 337-923-4326

Fax: 337-923-7725

E-mail:

rcook@chitimacha.gov

Volunteer Division

The Chitimacha Fire Protection Volunteer Division is offering the perfect opportunity to anyone ages 18 years of age or over, who wish to become part of a rewarding profession in serving the community as a...



Volunteer Firefighter!



The Volunteer Incentive Program is awarded annually to all Active status Volunteers. This program pays a certain average amount for each monthly meeting/drill attendance and emergency response.

Incentives are compensated at the end of each year, so you may have extra money to go Christmas shopping or even pay bills! This is a huge advantage you **MUST** consider!

If you are interested in joining the CFP Volunteer Division, you may contact the Fire Department or Human Resources @ (337)923-7775 for more information.

**Just Remember all the Benefits you will receive
when you serve your community as a Volunteer Firefighter...**

- Receive **FREE** training in order to qualify as a substitute shift worker and enhance your career opportunities and eligibility should a vacancy occur in the future,
- Earn extra money working as a substitute shift worker as needed by the department,
- Earn extra money through the Volunteer Incentive Program,
- Become CPR and First Responder Certified,
- Help maintain the Fire Rating,
- Help succeed the declaration of the CFP Mission Statement,
- And so much more!

**YOU MAY PICK UP
YOUR
APPLICATION AT
ANYTIME. WE ARE
AVAILABLE 24
HOURS A DAY, 7**

**Help protect your
community...Become
one of the Local Heroes!**

**THIS OFFER IS
JUST TOO HOT
TO PASS UP!**

Mission Statement

The mission of the Chitimacha Fire Protection is to provide effective protection of life and property to the citizens we are duty bound to serve. In the case of fire and/or other emergency; and to promote through fire safety education the prevention of fire and or other emergencies; and, to provide emergency medical services.

Public Works Department

Tony Darden, Public Works Director



Mausoleum:

We are asking the families of loved ones that are buried in the old mausoleum whose names have not yet been inscribed on the front of their crypt to please have this done within 90 days of this newsletter. If this request cannot be completed within this time frame, please contact the Public Works Director. This would improve the appearance of this structure.

When weather permits we will be doing some minor repairs to the old mausoleum such as painting and marble work repairs.

Notice:

Bicycles, skate boarding, four wheelers, go-carts, etc, are prohibited on the mausoleum grounds; this includes the driveways, sidewalks, etc. The granite/marble surfaces on the two mausoleums are very expensive and difficult to find the same match of stone with the existing granite/marble.

Grass Clippings:

To all residents of the reservation, we are asking that when you are mowing your lawn or raking your yard, you do not throw your grass clippings/leaves onto the roadway. This could cause major damage and drainage problems to the curb and gutter system.

Beginning this summer, the Public Works maintenance worker's, will implement trimming and spraying weed poison on the curbs in front of residential homes whose residents do not take proper care in maintaining their curb areas.

Sewer System:

We are still finding much of the following items flushed into the sewer system, such as: Q-tips, sanitary items, shirts, etc. These items can cause major problems to the sewer pumps and cause flooding in individual homes.

Waste Oil:

Please remember that the maintenance department is still accepting waste oil. If you have any waste oil you would like to dispose of, you may bring it to the shop. This service is only available between the hours of 7:30 A.M. thru 5:00 P.M., Monday thru Thursday, and 7:30 A.M. thru 11:30 A.M. Friday. Please check with one of the maintenance workers prior to any disposal.

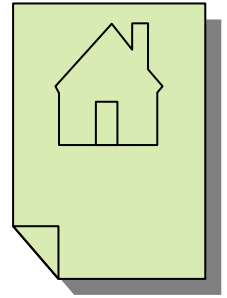
Dumpsters:

The dumpsters that are located at all of the tribal buildings and the Trading Post are for the exclusive use of tribal facilities. Private household garbage should be disposed of at the Waste Management facilities in Franklin. Anyone who is caught discarding garbage in these dumpsters will be asked to retrieve it from the dumpster.

Please be advised that No Utility Trailers or the Old John Deere Tractor will be loaned out on weekends if you do not come by the Public Works shop on the previous Friday. It is a requirement that you sign a form for the use of either of these pieces of equipment. Please do not contact any Public Works' employee on weekends to borrow the trailers or tractor if you have not signed the necessary paper work.

HOUSING NEWS

By: Marilyn Burgess, Housing Director



THANKS!

I would like to say “THANK YOU” to all our participants for your cooperation in helping us complete our annual inspections in a timely manner. In order to comply with federal regulations, we must perform annual inspections of all houses under management of the Housing Authority. We realize it is sometimes an inconvenience; however, we are mandated to perform these inspections. THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

CONGRATULATIONS!

This year, the Housing Authority wanted to show our appreciation to those participants who maintain their homes and who stay current with their house payments. We placed the names of those participants in a drawing for our first “Annual Awards for Excellence in Homeownership”. The winners of the Lowe’s gift cards were Toscha Darby, Patrick Darden and Tracie Leger. We are planning to give the award out each year, after inspections are completed. **PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT IN ORDER TO QUALIFY, YOU MUST MAINTAIN YOUR HOME AND STAY CURRENT WITH YOUR HOUSE PAYMENTS.**

HOUSING MAINTENANCE

We would like to remind all of our participants to keep gutters free of debris (dirt, trees, etc.) so that we can prevent our homes from rotting.

AMERIND RISK MANAGEMENT

Anyone interested in purchasing home and/or content coverage through Amerind Risk Management should come by the Housing Office for an application. This coverage is only available to Tribal Members on the Reservation and within the service area (St. Mary Parish) at this time but may extend to other areas in the future.

SECTION 184

I would like to remind everyone that the Section 184 Program is still available to Tribal Members for financing of new construction, renovations or purchasing of manufactured homes. Applications are available at the Housing Office.

We have been trying, since last year, to schedule Angie Little, from Wells Fargo, to visit us to review the Section 184 Program with interested tribal members. I talked to Angie on January 11th and she is planning to come down sometimes in February. I will notify everyone in the Newsletter when a definite date is set.

REMINDER!!

I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT WHEN AN EVENT OCCURS (FIRE, HURRICANE, WIND, ETC.) AND YOU HAVE DAMAGE TO YOUR HOME; YOU MUST CONTACT ME WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME (3 DAYS) OF THE EVENT IN ORDER FOR ME TO FILE A CLAIM WITH AMERIND! IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, YOU COULD BE RESPONSIBLE TO PAY FOR THE DAMAGES OUT OF YOUR OWN POCKET. IF YOU HAVE TO EVACUATE FOR A HURRICANE, PLEASE REPORT YOUR DAMAGES WITHIN THREE (3) DAYS OF YOUR RETURN. IF MINOR DAMAGES OCCUR DURING A WEEKEND, YOU CAN WAIT UNTIL MONDAY SINCE NO ONE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT AMERIND. HOWEVER, IF IT IS MAJOR DAMAGE, PLEASE CALL THE CHITIMACHA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REPORT THE EVENT.

2009 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN

We are planning to construct two (2) homes this year, if funds are available. We are looking into a different housing concept, but no definite plans have been made. We will wait until we hear from HUD (our funding agent) to see what our funding will be, before any plans are finalized.

HOUSING MEETINGS

Our housing meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month. If anyone is interested in attending, please feel free to do so. Remember if you would like to be placed on the agenda, please call me on the Monday before each meeting.

Anyone needing information about housing issues, please feel free to come by the office or call me at (337)923-9125.

NEWS FROM DEVELOPMENT

Brian Headley, Development Director



Roadway Re-Construction, Sub-Surface Drainage and Pedestrian Walkway Project **Sections of: (Chitimacha Loop, Choctaw, Cherokee, Jena and Seminole Drives)**



Construction activities for this project are well underway. Since the "Notice To Proceed" was issued to the Contractor in September of 2008, we have had substantial progress. All of the major drainage infrastructure has been installed to include the roadside Storm Drains, Cross Drains, Special Structures and Catch Basins. The existing roadway has been milled in preparation for treatment to improve the characteristics and longevity of these roadways. This project is approximately 40% complete.

At present, the contractor is preparing for curbing operations. Within a few days, a curbing machine will form sections of the mountable curbing, with pre-determined areas allocated for driveway entrances and pedestrian walkways. Several days are required for the concrete to properly cure in order to support the weight of vehicular traffic. If you live within the project area, please make preparations for temporary parking during this phase of the project.



In addition to this project, and under the same federal contract, we were successful in acquiring additional federal funding to completely rebuild a 200 foot section of Martin Luther King. This section of roadway is primarily utilized for freight shipments to the Tribal Gaming Complex and was in desperate need of replacement. These improvements, including the additional section of MLK are federally funded at 100%.

Thank you for your cooperation during this project and if you have any questions, please call the Tribal Development Office at (337)923-4000.

Attention

Rosetta Stone Participants

The Cultural Department would like to convey our appreciation to the Tribal members and families who gave their time to participate in photos. Thank you for your willingness and smiles. We could not have done this without you! We look forward to working with you on future projects.

We plan to share some of the photography at the General Meeting. Hope to see you there!

Cultural Department



Please Join us for the 2009 Mardi Gras Parade

When: Saturday, February 21, 2009

Where: Chitimacha Reservation

Time: 2:30 P. M.

Please contact Jill Louviere
at the Main Office
for Route details
337-923-7215





A sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to our Tribal Youth's who so willingly volunteered at the Tribal Administrative Office during Winter Break. They all assisted in the mass mail outs of the Christmas cards and the recent survey questionnaires . Pictured above L to R: Elizabeth Vilcan, Katie Vilcan, Victoria Vilcan, Haylee Bourgeois, and Amanda Vilcan. Again, Many Thanks!!!



Greetings in the name of Jesus,

We pray as we begin a New Year that we find you all in good health and we pray for your prosperity, especially in these hard times.

I'd like to share with you this month, from the Way of the Master,

“One Shrinking Dollar”

“There are several words that are dominating the contemporary news media: recession, gas and debt. We are the only nation on earth that has “In God we trust” inscribed on our dollar bill, but that dollar is shrinking daily. It doesn't buy what it once did. Why is this happening?

God warned Israel that if they failed to trust in Him, they would lose His blessing and would become in debt to the foreigner: “*He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail*” (Deut. 28:44). He said that they would also have droughts, incurable diseases, and aliens would fill the land. Think of what's happening to America: Our national debt is more than 10 trillion dollars. Much of this debt is to foreign nations. Over 2,300,000 Americans will get cancer in the next year. We have terrible droughts, and yet we have continual massive floods. We are also plagued with devastating hurricanes and killer tornadoes. These things are not evidences of God's blessing. So why are they happening to us?

Aren't we a morally good nation? Don't we trust in God? Before you answer, here are some statistics for you to consider:

- Since 1990, more than 300,000 people have been murdered in the U.S.
- More than 50 million babies have been aborted since *Roe v. Wade*.
- 50-60% of married couples admit to adultery, and 5 million unwed couples live together.
- 75-80% have had premarital sex by the age of 19.
- One-third of births are out of wedlock. 1 in 4 teenage girls has a sexually transmitted disease.
- Americans spend up to 13 billion annually on pornography.
- We have over 2,200,000 people in prison —the highest number in the world.
- Survey's reveal that 91% lie regularly.

Still, the idea that we have somehow offended God is unthinkable. Rather, we blame the economy, politicians, pesticides, global warming, global cooling, El Nino, Mother Nature—anything but ourselves and our relationship to God. However, if you are in the middle of smog, the air may look normal and clean. But from the higher perspective of 10,000 feet, you will see that the poison of brown smog hangs over your whole area.

To see our true moral state, we have to look at ourselves from *God's* high perspective. Jesus said, “*Whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*” The Bible says that if you hate someone, you are a murderer. Lying lips are “*an abomination to the Lord.*” Deceitfulness is so serious to God, all liars will have their part in the lake of fire. Also, no thief or adulterer will enter Heaven. How many lies have you told in your life? Have you ever stolen anything, used God's name in vain, or looked with lust? If you have broken those Commandments, God sees you as a lying, thieving, blasphemous, adulterer at heart, and if you are guilty on Judgment Day you will end up in Hell. That's not God's will. He is rich in mercy and has made a way for you to be forgiven. You broke God's Law (the Ten Commandments), but Jesus paid your fine in His life's blood when He suffered and died on the cross. That means God can legally dismiss your case. He can commute your death sentence and let you live, because of the suffering death and resurrection of Jesus Christ: “*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*” What you must do is repent (turn from all sin) and trust in Jesus alone. If you do that, God will grant you the gift of everlasting life. So, don't put it off. Repent and trust in Jesus today. You may not have tomorrow.

If you care about this nation and where you will spend eternity, get right with God now.

Call us @ (337)578-1249, Bro. Orien; or (337)578-3118, Bro. Blaise.

Church Services: Sunday School 9 AM; Sunday Service 10:30 AM; Thursday Service 7 PM.

God Bless

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD



NOTICE

The results of the recent M3 Planning Survey will be explained at the General Meeting, Saturday, January 24, 2009.



Call Kitty @ (337)923-4973 to place an Ad or Email to:
kitty@chitimacha.gov



Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
Post Office Box 661
Charenton, Louisiana 70523